UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

JAMES S. MURPHY,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	No. 1:15-CV-120-JAR
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AJINOMOTO WINDSOR, INC., et al.,)	
Defendants.)	
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MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Class Certification (Doc. No. 18) and on purported opt-in notices filed by Plaintiff (Doc. No. 31). Rule 23(a)(4) states that a prerequisite for certification of a class action lawsuit is a class representative who can "fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class." Plaintiff is a *pro se* litigant. A litigant may bring his own claims to federal court without counsel, but not the claims of others. See 28 U.S.C. § 1654; see also 7A Wright, Miller & Kane, Federal Practice and Procedure: Civil 3d § 1769.1 ("class representatives cannot appear pro se."). Although Plaintiff may proceed *pro se* on his individual claim at this time, he cannot proceed representing a class.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Class Certification (Doc. No. 18) is **DENIED** without prejudice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the opt-in notices filed by Plaintiff (Doc. No.

31) are ordered stricken, as no class has been certified.

Dated this 6th day of April, 2016.

OHN A. ROSS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE